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# TO

# GEORGE WHITHEAD, GEORGE FOX, and GEORGE ROFE.

Dear Brethren of the Euerlasting Couenant, & Seruants of the Most high, & Children of the Liuing God, whose dreadfull name & eternall power is with you, to the subduing of all your enemies, & with you, to the gathering in of many into the fold and rest of God, the place of his aboade, & resting place for euer; whose standard is lifted & listing vp ouer all nations, & the Ensigne of the Lord God of hoasts is held and holding forth to all nations, that they may al behold the glory of the Son of God; the Trumpet of the Lord God is sounded forth abroad, & an alarum in the Eares of the Inhabitants of the Earth, to prepare to meet the Lord by Speedy Repentance, that they may find mercie in this day of the Lords appearance. Oh! my Dear Brethren of the Immortall Seed; Oh! God knowes I am refreshed at the writing of this vnto you, I am ful of loue, my tender Bowells doth flow out vnto you; oh! feel me at the fountaine of holyness, at the Riuer of our God, where wee drink abundantly & are satisfyed, at the Table of the Lord, & kingdom of God, where our Souls take delight to be in the Presence of God for euer. Oh! yee my Brethren, I am one with you, in your loyes & reioycings, & glory & dominion, ouer the powers of darkness; As I am one with you in your sufferings, tryalls & temptations, trauels & labours, which befals vs for the Seed Sake, for which we are giuen vp into the Will of the Lord, to worke in his vinyard, & to labour with the Lord, for the Redemption of the seed, & the gathering in thereof, from of all the barren mountains, into the Sheepfold, to partake with vs of the Dew of Heauen, wherby wee are kept fresh as the Morning, & plants of the Lords planting, wherby he takes delight to do vs good. oh! surely, though I am seperated from you in the body, ouer Seas, yet surely I am sealed vnto you, & am with you now in the spirit, wherin we can not be seperated, as we abide with the Lord: God knowes how dear you are vnto me; I, who am one of the least among my Brethren, yet surely the power of the Lord God, & strength of the Allmighty is with me; who hath vpholden my head in the time of tryall, & houre of great temptation, from which in his tender mercie, & louing kindness, by his Arme he hath kept me, & hath often Deliuered me, and appeared with me, to the terror of Syons oppressors. oh! though I be the least among many, yet the Lord knowes my heart is vpright, & am faithfull to him, who hath called me, who hath said, he will not leaue me, nor forsake me;

My Dear Brethren, it would refresh my tender Bowells to receiue a few lynes from you, to hear of the work of the Lord in that Island of England, and garden of God, where the Lillies grow, & pleasant smell asends vp vnto the lord; I am broken in peices with the Remembrance of you, who are as A seal vpon my Breast, feel me, oh! feel me in your own liues, giuen vp for the seruice of the lord, for the Seed, to which the God of heauen hath regard to; my Life is sacrifyced vp,

and

And laid downe in the will of God for the Redemption of the Seed • oh! if I neuer See your faces more in the outward man, the will of God be done, for I am giuen freely vp my Life to Lay downe at this Towne of Boston or theire BLOODY-LAWES, to BREAKE •

Dear Brethren, here followeth an Account of some passages of the Seruants of the Lord, in his work in these parts, Labouring in the strength & power of the Almighty God; for the gathering in of the Seed, & restoring of the Creature, and nature, into its former course againe; to bring the Creature to feel after God, & to be Sencable of its losse, that he may be redeemed out of that state, into that which maketh manifest the losse, & restores the lost sheep of the house of Israel to him, who reioycest ouer it, after it is restord, & found •

our Dear Sister & handmaide, Sarah Gibbens is departed out of the Body, & finished her testimony in this Country; who hath left a good sauour & sweet smell behinde her; for Generations will call her blessed, who is laide down in the Life, & swallowed vp into the fountaine of God, in the kingom of heauen, & bosom of the father •

I Came lately from Virginia with my Brethren, Robert Hodgshon, Christopher Holder, & william Ledra, at which place I was about 14 Monthes in seruice, & hard trauels through the Cuntry, for the Seed Sake, which is Scattered abroad in these western parts of the world, where people liues without A sheepheard • But many there are, that are come in these Countries, to witness & know the Sheepherd & Bishop of there soules, for there are many Conuinced in Virginia, & some that are come to be Sencable of the power of God, & spirit of truth •

I was a Prisoner in Virgenia about 6 months, there is much work & Seruice to be done in it, before the Seed be al gatherd there: wee left our dearly Beloued Thomas Thurston, A Prisoner, in the Prouince of Mary-Land, nere Virgenia, he was Imprisoned for a yeare & a day, but he had much Liberty outwardly • wee Came to Roade Island on the 5t of the 4th Month, where wee meet with two of our Brethren, Peter Person, & Marmaduke Steuenson, in whom wee were refreshed, they Came lately from Barbadoes, they had drawings for Barmudoes, but it was not there Lott to be Landed there, although they saw it, for the Master of the vessell would not venter in, because he did not know the way going into it, And it is A very dangerouss place, because of Rocks; so they left it, & they were Landed at Roade Island, where at that time Sarah Gibbens was, but sone after departed out of the Body •

Friends at Road Island were glad in heart to see vs, & there in tooke Courrage, & such as had been like to faint, was refreshed; & gathered strength againe, and Stood vpon there feete, & begins to walk in the name of the Lord our God; and Strength they haue receiued to withstand, & to beare with him, who haue been of along time A Burden to them;

I I, & W Leddra, went of Road Island, the tenth of the 4th Month, to a place Called Sandwich, where there are many friends, who suffers much in the Spoiling of there goods; After that they had been there some time, they were taken prisoners, and are prisoners at A Towne called Plimouth, 30 Miles from Boston, as my Dearly Beloued. C Holder did write me, from A place Called Salem, 15 Miles from Boston;

At

At that Salem he was on the 28 day of the last Month, from whence he is passed towards Sandwitch againe, as I haue been tould. where he hath had fine Seruice among friends, Since II, & WL; were Imprisoned; The Lord hath kept him out of the hands of the enemie, that seeks to hinder the Worke of God; The Lord God is with vs, therefore noe weapon that is formed against vs can prosper.

Robert Hodgshon I left at Road Island, & came with my Companyon Marmaduke Steuenson, on the 15 of the Last month to Boston, in obedience to the Lord, to beare our testimony against there BLOODY-LAW, which they haue made; After that we had been some houres in the Towne, wee passed into theire meeting house, and Declared against there vnsanctifyed fast, & hipocrisie (for that day was a fast with them) but they soone like Beares Laide violent hands vpon vs, & by force hailed vs forth, & hailed vs to Prison; on the day following wee were had before there Court, where wee were Examined, & many questions put to vs, seeking to ensnare vs in our words, but the Lord stood by vs, & in his strength did vphould vs, & in his power were wee kept, & hid, from the vulterouss Eye; And his name was with vs, & vpon vs, & in his dread & Dominion did wee stand, & by the wisdom of the Lord were they Confounded, & did Rage, & were madd, because I reproued them Sharply, & laid there folly & wickedness open; For in the Dominion of the Lord God Allmighty I stood ouer them, & spake ouer there heads; Soe after they had examined vs both, they sent vs to prison againe, & after a small time were had into the Court againe; & then the Secretary read A Law to vs, which they had made concerning Banishing of friends, vpon DEATH; & also read the warrant they made to the keeper of the Prison, to keep vs Close Prisoners, vntill there Court of Assistants (as they call it) which is as I did heare, in the 7th month next, & then they intend to Banish vs vpon Death.

Here is also A handmaide of the Lord Iesus, A Prisoner in the Goalers house, her name is Patience Scot, A friends daughter in this Country, the Child is of A good vnderstanding, & indued (in measure) with the wisdom of God; the presence of the Lord is with her; She is aboute 11 or 12 yeares of Age; The Rulers hereof when they examined her, were Astonished at her answers, to ther questions, & ther wisdom was confounded, & turned backwards, which made them madd, & to rage, & did giue out some speeches to this effect; That it was Impossible for such a childe as she is of her selfe, to speake soe as she did; But that it was something in her, more then the Creature, and said (for to Couer their folly, before the Ignorant, but there weakness & wickedness was seen by it) the Deuill did speak in her, & such words; And soe they manifested them selues, to be of that seed & offspring, & of that Generation that said, Christ had A Deuill;

Some 2 dayes after wee were examined, I was had before the Gouernour & Secretary, & many questions they asked me, as Concerning the Body of Christ, & such like questions, & after many questions, the Secretary said, That If I Did Return Againe After I Were Banished, That He Would Write A Warrent With His Owne Hand, And Send Me To The Gallowes To Be Hanged; Also the Gouernour spake faintly, for he was moderate at that time; He said, that he did Beleiue, that if I came againe I would be Hanged; But he said he beleiued that I would not come any more, the like the Secretary & Goaler said also, that they

They beleiued that I would not come againe; for the Goaler Said, there were o=
thers that did Say, that they would not goe away, yet are fled; he ment 6
friends, that the Rulers here hath Banished away vpon Death, from there
outward beeings, with in 15 miles of Boston; for they are fled the Cross, and
hath giuen the Enemie Cause to Triumph, & hath Caused them to Say, that they
will doe much, or Say much, till tryall of Death Come, but then they flee; Thus
hath they giuen the Enemy aduantage, & hath caused the Heathen
to open there Mouthes against such, that liue in the Truth, whose liues are not
dear vnto them, for the Truth, where of they are made pertakers; oh! God
knowes how nere it went me, when I did heare of there Departure, And also
of there giuing out Such words, Of Continuing in there Places, what euer the
Enemy was sufferd to doe vnto them; These words speaking, was worse than
the former; It beeing soe that they are fled, On the same Day that I heard
of it, The Lord laid it on me, my LIFE to giue vp, BOSTONS=BLO=
DY=LAWES to try; As my Dear Brethren yee may feel me in your ~
owne Liues, how Singly I am giuen vp, And alsoe my Brother & Companyon=
Marmaduke Steuenson, our Testimonies to finish at this Towne of Boston;
if the Power be in there hands, to take our Liues from vs.

My Companyon in Sufferings, dearly Salutes you.

your Brother, William Robinson;

Boston (in new England) the
12 day of the 5th Month,
1659;

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